AWARDS FOR DESCENDANTS OF OLD SETTLERS OF THE WABASH VALLEY

These awards were open to the descendants of the signers of the original Old Settlers Association Book, and also to those who could establish their ancestors residence here before 1850 (the date established in the original book) These original Old Settlers could be from any of the counties considered in the Wabash Valley on either side of the river.

In order to be elegible for an award the descendant was to sign one of the two books of descendants of residents of the Valley before 1850.

One award is being made for the youngest signer in this classification and one to the oldest.

The youngest registrant was
Nina Kay Mays age 4 weeks (at the time of the Fair)
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weir Mays -R.R.# 3
Terre Haute, Indiana
She is the descendant of John Weir, her Gr. gr. gr. gr. Grangfather

The oldest registrant was
Mr. Jasper Coffman age 96
724 North 8th Street, Terre Haute, Ind.
His father Samuel Coffman was in Fayette Township before 1850

AWARD FOR PRESENT DAY OLD SETTLERS- THOSE WHO HAVE THEMSELVES LIVED IN THE WABASH VALLEY SINCE BEFORE 1900

This award was open to those who have themselves lived in the Wabash Valley since before 1900.

One award is being made in this category for the oldest person in this group who signed the register at the Old Settlers Booth

The winner in this category is
Mr. John Beckwith He was 90 years old on Sept.2 and came to
R. R. #4 Box 418 the Wabash Valley in 1880
Terre Haute, Ind

AWARDS FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND

These awards were open to persons holding land in Vigo County which has remained continuously in the possession of the same family for a long period of time. An award is being made to the person in each township whose land has been held in his family for the longest period of time of any of those registered for that township.

The awards are based upon registrations made by the owners of the land at the Old Settlers Booth at the 1953 County Fair.

Miss Lula M Reynolds - 1606 6th Ave. Terre Haute. Prairieton Township
Property belonged to her Grandfather Parker Reynolds before 1864

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peker - R.R.#1 West Terre Haute. Sugar Creek Township
It became the property of Mr. Peker's grandfather in 1880
Record goes back to land grant to Walter Malcom in 1839 who was not a relative.

Mrs.Lucy Swalls Fry - R. R. No.5, Terre Haute, Lost Creek Township
It became the property of her ancestor Daniel Swall in 1838

Mr. David Kenneth Miller - R.R.#2 Box 558 Terre Haute. Linton Township
It became the property of his great grandfather David Miller in 1835

Mrs. Celia Hurst - R.R.# 4 Box 157 Terre Haute. Riley Township
It became the property of her grandfather William Latta in 1834

Miss Fannie Beard & Mr Stephen Beard - R.R.#4 Terre Haute-Pierson Twp
It became the property of William Beard in 1833

Mrs. Grace Whitesell - 567 S. Brown Ave. Terre Haute. Fayette Township
It became the property of her great grandfather George Tucker in 1832

Mrs. Nina Hull Burnett - R. R. No.3 Terre Haute Honey Creek Township
It became the property of Samuel Hull in 1830

Mr. James M. Piety -Prairie Creek, Ind. Prairie Creek Township
It became the property of his great great grandfather Johnson in 1823

Mrs. Charlotte Ostrander Wagner -R.R.#7 Box 469 Terre Haute. Otter Creek Twp
It became the property of her grandfather Anthony M Ostrander in 1820

Mr. Richard Parsons Gillum - 144 Madison Blvd. Terre Haute. Harrison Twp
It became the property of his great grandfather Curtis Gilbert in 1819
The property registered by Mr. Gillum shows the longest family ownership of any registered in the county

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① Issued to Walter Malcom - Vigo Co Ind. Vincennes
Oct 1, 1840 Martin Van Buren location
Mr & Mrs Frank Pifer

② Issued to Walter Malcom - Vigo Co Ind Vincennes
Feb 1, 1839 Martin Van Buren location
Mr & Mrs Frank Pifer

Sugar Cr

③ John Reece, Clermont Co. Ohio Vincennes
Oct 28, 1835 Andrew Jackson location Clay
Mr Cliff Shanks

④ John Douglass Bogarth, Edgar Co. Ill Palestine
Mar 10 1843 ~~Kenneth Bogarth~~ John Tyler location Vermillion Co not Vigo
Kenneth Bogarth
9-9-grandson of John

⑥ Becket (or Bechet) Winingham bought from Moody Chamberlain & Betsy his wife - Vincennes district
Feb 5 1842 Vigo Co.

⑦ Becket Winingham bought from Curtes Gilbert & Mary his wife Mar 11 1848 Vigo Co.
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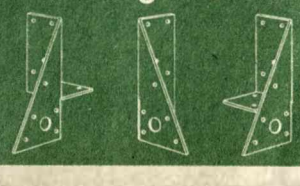

TENTATIVE LIST OF AWARD WINNERS FOR LAND OWNERSHIP

Harrison - Richard P.Gillum, 144 Madison Blvd.,City - 1819

Otter Creek - Mrs. Charlotte Wagner,RR 7,BX 469, TH,Ind. - 1820,1821

Prairie Creek - James M.Piety,Prairie Creek,Ind. - 1823

Honey Creek - Mrs. Nina Burnett, RR 3, TH,Ind. - Aug.25,1830

Fayette - Grace C.Whitesell,567 S.Brown Ave.,City - 1832

Pierson - Miss Fannie Beard, RR 4,TH,Ind. - 1833 Stephen also

Riley - Mrs. Celia Hurst, RR 4, BX 157,TH, Ind. - 1834

Linton - David K. Miller, RR 2, Box 558, TH, Ind. - 1835

Lost Creek - Mrs. Lucy Fry, RR 5, TH, Ind. - Oct. 2, 1838

Sugar Creek - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peker, RR 1, WTH, Ind. - Deb.1,1839,1840

Prairieton - Lula M. Reynolds, 1606 6th Ave.,City - before 1864

Above are 11 of the 12 twps. of Vigo Co. There remains to be checked the exhibits of the original deeds. These exhibitors should be considered as entrants, even though they did not sign in the book. Miss Peddle has the needed information concerning these.

I have the added information for the above - the original owner of the land, his relationship to the present owner, etc. If this is needed for the publicity, contact me.

John Bird has the original of this material.
Let's put him to work!

Dorothy J. Clark